

**REMARKS**

Claims 17, 19, 21-26, 28-42, 44-50 and 52-64 were allowed in this application and renumbered as claims 1-42. The preceding section includes amendments to claims 34 (renumbered claim 15), claim 42 (renumbered claim 22), and claim 50 (renumbered claim 29). Applicants note that the term "duration" is deleted from the preamble of the claims, which is merely a formality change and does not change the scope of the claims. The amendments to the preambles make claims 34, 42 and 50 more consistent with the other allowed claims.

Further, Applicants request the Examiner acknowledge the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently with this Amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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